Governments and others for early finalisation of it.

Assessment of investment made in Food Processing Sector

182. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment in regard to investment made in food processing sector to promote food processing industries in Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the industries which are being established to promote food processing industries through investment and what are the details of the efforts being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) As per available information 189 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda involving an investment about Rs. 2805 Crores have been filed upto May 1994 for setting up Food Processing units in the state of Gujarat. In addition approvals for Joint Venture Foreign Collaboration, setting up of EOUs etc. have been granted involving an investment of about Rs. 78 Crores. The industries proposed to be set up include Grain Processing, Fruit and Vegetables Processing, Fish Processing, Consumer Industries and Milk and Dairy Products.

Pepsi Food Ltd. alliance with US firm

183. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared any proposal of Pepsi Foods Limited for foreign alliance with an US firm to market branded fruit juice in the US, Netherlands and UK;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what benefits are likely to accure to the country including the repatriation of foreign exchange earned in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Stepping up various exports

184. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee on Agriculture has pulled up the Food Ministry for its failures;

(b) if so, whether it has been suggested that Processing Industries should be merged eiher with Industry or Agriculture Ministries;

(c) whether the suggestions made in the report have been considered by Government;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry is steppping up various exports extending necessary facilities to the rural areas by setting up various centres and providing jobs to rural population; and

(e) if so, to what extent these schemes would be implemented during 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The Standing Committee on Agriculture had made certain observations regarding the Ministry.